THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) Yes Sir, some IIMs like IIM Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Indore are offering one year executive degree programme.

(b) and (c) As per Section 7(f) and 11(2)(f) of IIM Act, 2017, all IIMs are empowered to grant degree, diploma and other academic distinctions or titles to their students.

Status of pre-school education in the country

2953. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Annual Status of Education Report, 2019 data on early childhood education in rural areas makes the case that pre-school system fails to give children a strong foundation, especially in Government-run facilities, if so, details thereof, Statewise in last five years comparatively and reasons therefor;
- (b) whether percentage of girls in Government schools is higher than in private institutions, the cognitive skills of children attending official Anganwadi playschools do not match those attending private schools, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, and
- (c) corrective steps being taken in this regard in rural and urban area-wise and also gender-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is one of the six services provided free of cost through Aganwadi Centre. Ministry of Women and Child Development notified the National Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Policy on 12.10.2013. The Policy lays down the way forward for a comprehensive approach towards ensuring a sound foundation for survival, growth and development of child with focus on care and early learning for every child. It recognizes the synergistic and inter-dependent relationship between the health, nutrition, psycho-social and emotional needs of the child. Ministry of Women and Child Development has developed age appropriate Activity Books for 3-6 years (3-4 years, 4-5 years and 5-6 years children) which are being used by-States/UTs after local customisation. Child Assessment Cards under National ECCE Curriculum

Framework has been prepared to grade each child's performance. As on 30.06.2019, there are 3.05 crore children in the age group 3-6 years who are beneficiaries of pre-school education in Aganwadi Centres under Aganwadi Services. Details of Girls Enrolment and % of Girls Enrolment (Class I-XII) for the year 2017-18 is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of girls enrolment and percentage of girls enrolment

(Class I to XII) in 2017-18

State/UTs	Total Girl's Enrolment and % of Girls Enrolment (I-XII) -2017			
	Government		Private	
	Girls enrolment	% of Girls enrolment	Girls enrolment	% of Girls enrolment
1	2	3	4	5
Andaman and Nicobar Island	25996	49.69	8222	47.84
Andhra Pradesh	2011315	51.40	1504759	43.44
Arunachal Pradesh	131036	51.94	34972	43.90
Assam	2458685	51.82	506120	44.33
Bihar	10936881	50.75	697398	40.53
Chandigarh	73385	47.32	34549	43.64
Chhattisgarh	2149153	51.24	665177	44.95
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	28150	49.11	8426	41.26
Daman and Diu	10472	51.34	5492	41.63
Delhi	1205876	51.97	668889	40.16
Goa	22232	48.29	14984	45.71
Gujarat	2800878	49.52	1679587	40.58
Haryana	1128599	51.78	1237173	39.93
Himachal Pradesh	439487	49.96	221351	43.30

Source: UDISE 2017-18 (Provisional)